S. 1286

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

August 1, 2001

Mrs. Carnahan (for herself and Ms. Mikulski) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Child Care Afford-
- 5 ability for Federal Employees Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. CHILD CARE SERVICES FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.
- 7 (a) In General.—An Executive agency that pro-
- 8 vides or proposes to provide child care services for Federal
- 9 employees may use appropriated funds (otherwise avail-
- 10 able to such agency for salaries and expenses) to provide

- 1 child care, in a Federal or leased facility, or through con-
- 2 tract, for civilian employees of such agency.
- 3 (b) Affordability.—Amounts used to provide such
- 4 child care services with respect to any such facility or con-
- 5 tractor shall be applied to improve the affordability of
- 6 child care for lower income Federal employees using or
- 7 seeking to use the child care services offered by such facil-
- 8 ity or contractor.
- 9 (c) Regulations.—The Director of the Office of
- 10 Personnel Management shall, within 180 days after the
- 11 date of enactment of this Act, issue regulations necessary
- 12 to carry out this section.
- 13 (d) Definition.—For purposes of this section, the
- 14 term "Executive agency" has the meaning given such term
- 15 in section 105 of title 5, United States Code, but does
- 16 not include the General Accounting Office.

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